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## **WEST GROTON WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT WELCOMES THE ADDITION OF A NEW WATER STORAGE TANK**

**West Groton, MA** - Local, State and Federal officials gathered at the site of West Groton's new water storage tank today for a ribbon cutting ceremony. USDA Rural Development State Director, David Tuttle told a crowd that included former Groton Selectman, Ron Englade, the West Groton Water Supply District Commissioner and Superintendent, as well as members of Groton's Planning Board and the Groton Water District that, "This new 611,000-gallon water storage tank will help meet the drinking water demands of this growing community and also provide the fire department with needed fire fighting capacity."

Currently, the West Groton Water Supply District serves an estimated population of 2,000 with its 211,000-gallon, welded steel water storage tank; however, as the town population grows, demand is increasing. The new glass lined water storage tank will supplement the existing tank and provide capacity for the future needs of the community. "Completion of this project is a significant improvement to the system and increases our ability to provide fire protection for all residents of West Groton," said Gordon Newell, Superintendent of the West Groton Water Supply District.

In April a \$500,000 low-interest federal loan, made available through the Rural Utilities Service's Water and Waste Disposal Loan Program, was provided to the West Groton Water Supply District in order to construct the new water storage tank. Said State Representative, Bob Hargraves, "This is a great example of how cooperative efforts between local, state and federal agencies can really make a difference for our communities."

USDA Rural Development's Water and Waste Program provides funding to public entities such as municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, American Indian tribes, and non-profit corporations that aim to reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources, develop, repair or construct solid waste facilities and generally improve public water systems.

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